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VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN INDUCING

IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITOGENIC PEPTIDES INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a Response to the Final Office Action mailed August 13, 2002.

The requested extension is for one (1) month, extending the period for response to December 13, 2002.

Check No. <u>523747</u> in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed for the one month extension of time fee. Please charge Deposit Account No. <u>50-1355</u> for any other fees or credits believed to be due. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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